

The Examiner rejected claims 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kamperman et al. (6,098,280). Applicants have canceled all rejected claims as stated above. Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection is urged.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowed claims 23-29.

The Application is deemed in condition for allowance and such action by the Examiner is urged. Should differences remain, however, which do not place one/more of the remaining claims in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned at the number provided below for the purpose of providing constructive assistance and suggestions in accordance with M.P.E.P. Sections 707, 707.07(d) and 707.07(j) in order that allowable claims can be presented, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance without further proceedings being necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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